

DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
DIVISION OF ECONOMIC SUPPORT  
ADMINISTRATOR'S MEMO SERIES

NOTICE: 99-21

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RE: CY2000 Children First  
Allocations-  
Preliminary Notice

To: Child Support Agency Directors  
W-2 Agency Directors

From: J. Jean Rogers /s/  
Administrator

This is to provide local agencies with preliminary funding allocations for Children First programs for calendar year 2000. The State Legislature is currently in session considering the 1999-2001 biennial budget. Any additional changes to this allocation as a result of legislation action will be communicated at a later time.

The Department requested as a part of the Biennial Budget process an increase in the amount per participant from \$200 to \$400. The Governor supported the Department's position and included that increase in his request to the Legislature. Legislative action also supports the increase in the rate per participant. However, the Legislature also adjusted the total funding available for the Children First program based on their review of actual utilization by agencies. The result was a 13.4 percent reduction in the total funds available. The Department believes the Children First program is a key component in our overall strategy for assisting families achieve economic self-sufficiency. For that reason, the Department is willing to pursue a request to the Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance to use Temporary Assistance to Needy Families funds for Children First, if agencies demonstrate that the funds allocated by the Legislature are insufficient to support program activity.

The formula used to determine specific contract amounts for CY 2000 reflects a 13% reduction of each programs' projected annual allocations based upon their Children First reported expenditures between January 1, 1999 and June 30, 1999. Children First programs that did not report expenditures on the Community Aids Reporting System (CARS) between January 1, 1999 and June 30, 1999 were awarded \$2,400. Allocation recommendations were made in amounts divisible by the proposed \$400 reimbursement rate.

Contract language for Child Support and Wisconsin Works agencies administering Children First programs will allow the Department to deobligate an agency's funds if they are not spent at a sufficient rate. Children First contract allocations and spending levels will be monitored

through out the contract periods for the 1999-2001 biennial budget by the Bureau of Child Support. If additional funding is obtained during the contract periods, allocation increases will be communicated at a later time.

Division of Economic Support reimbursement policies for claiming Children First reimbursement on CARS remains intact as follows: all Children First clients must sign a Children First Registration form and be registered on the CARES work program subsystem; and, allocation per participant is limited to a maximum of \$400 in a twelve-month period. In addition, Children First administrative agencies must file the attached DES-10800 Children First Program Monthly Report to their Area Administrators as required by the Department Policies and Procedures.

REGIONAL OFFICE CONTACT: Area Administrators

Attachments

## CY2000 Children First Allocations

Barron County DSS	2,400
Burnett County DSS	2,800
Clark County DSS	2,000
Crawford County HSD	2,400
Curtis and Associates-Waukesha	75,200
Dane County HSD	88,800
Dodge County HSD	2,400
Dunn County HSD	2,400
Fond du Lac DSS	66,800
Forward Services-Oneida	3,200
Forward Services-Vilas	2,400
Jefferson County HSD	2,400
Kaiser Group-Walworth Co	12,000
Kenosha County HSD	93,200
Kewaunee County CSA	2,400
Lac du Flambeau Tribe	2,400
Langlade County DSS	2,400
Lincoln County DSS	2,400
Manitowoc County HSD	19,600
Marinette County HSD	4,800
Marquette County Cons. Aid	2,400
Milwaukee County CSA	411,200
Oconto County CSA	2,400
Outagamie County DHS	2,800
Pierce County DHS	2,400
Portage County DHS	2,400
Price County HSD	2,400
Racine County HSD	220,800
Rusk County HSD	2,400
Sauk County DHS	2,400
Sawyer County HSD	8,400
Shawano County CSA	2,000
Sheboygan County HSD	7,600
SW W2 Consortium (covering Grant, Richland, Iowa, Green, and Lafayette Counties	30,800
Trempealeau County CSA	2,400
Vernon County HSD	2,400
Washburn County DSS	2,400
Washington County CSA	2,400
Waupaca County DSS	2,400
Waushara County DSS	2,400

## CHILDREN FIRST PROGRAM MONTHLY REPORT

County	CF Case Manager	Month/Year	Entering/Leaving the CF Program this Month
1.0 The number of individuals court ordered into the CF program.			
1.1 The number of new individuals that completed registration (signed the registration form) and have been registered on CARES.			
1.2 The number of individuals that successfully left the CF program by paying child support for 3 consecutive months.			
1.3 The number of individuals that successfully left the program by completing 16 weeks of activity.			
1.4 Of those counted in 1.0 above, are there any non IV-D referrals? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No    If yes, enter number:			
Name and Agency of individual completing this form			Telephone Number (       )

Please send this report monthly to: Sue Mathison  
DWD, Bureau of Child Support, Children First Program  
201 E. Washington Ave., Room 271, Madison, WI 53707-7935  
Telephone: (608) 266-6822    email: [mathisu@dwd.state.wi.us](mailto:mathisu@dwd.state.wi.us)

Please use this space to provide feedback on the program or to request information on policies & procedures:

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